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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

WANG, JIANQIN

Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01 April 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8 and 10-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3-8,10 and 11 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

This action is in response to applicant's response filed on 4/1/05. Claims 1, 3-8, 10-12 are now pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Bojer** in view of **Law** (US 5,303,417).

Regarding claim 12, **Bojer** discloses an image rejection mixer (see Figs. 1-3, and col. 3, lines 5-57), comprising:

- A signal distributor with local signals as claimed (see Fig. 2, ref. 42 and col. 3, lines 21-45). Here, since the signals supplied to the mixers comprises local signals of different phases, the phase shifter 42 would read on the "signal distributor" as claimed;
- first and second mixing means as claimed (see Fig. 2, refs. 44, 46);
- first and second phase shift means (see Fig. 2, refs. 50, 52, and col. 3, lines 45-52);
- addition means as claimed (see Fig. 2, ref. 54);
- remove image signal as claimed (see col. 3, lines 45-49).

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Here, although **Bojer** does not specifically mention the 90 degree phase shift of the IF signals for removing image signals, **Bojer** does mention that the signals are phase shifted and recombined to reject an image signal. Since using a 90 degree phase shift for removing image signals is known in the art, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify **Bojer** for providing a 90 degree phase shift as claimed, in order to remove a desired image frequency signal.

However, **Bojer** fails to disclose the phase shifter comprises R-L elements. However, it is noted that a phase shift circuit which comprises any combination of R, L, C elements is well known in the art as disclosed by **Law** (see Fig. 10 and col. 4, lines 15-18). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to incorporate **Law's** teaching to **Bojer** for providing a phase shift circuit comprising L-R components as claimed, in order to generate a desired phase shift for the signal.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-1.1 are allowed.
3. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As to claims 1, 10, 11, the cited prior art of record fail to disclose or make it obvious the claimed invention for the reasons as stated in Applicant's response filed on 2/28/05, pages 7-8.

Response to Arguments

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4. Applicant's arguments filed 2/28/05 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

As to claims 1, 10, 11, Applicant's arguments are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

As to claim 12, in response to applicant's argument that the references fail to show certain features of applicant's invention, it is noted that the features upon which applicant relies (i.e., the phase shifter **consists** of only inductors and resistors) are not recited in the rejected claim(s). Although the claims are interpreted in light of the specification, limitations from the specification are not read into the claims. See *In re Van Geuns*, 988 F.2d 1181, 26 USPQ2d 1057 (Fed. Cir. 1993). Here, since the claim merely recite the phase shifters **comprise** a lattice circuit **having** inductors and resistors, the phase shifter as disclosed by Law'reference (see Fig. 10) would on the lattice circuit as claimed.

Conclusion

5. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc M. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571) 272-7893, Monday-Thursday (9:00 AM - 5:00 PM). Or to Edward Urban (Supervisor) whose telephone number is (571) 272-7899.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-7259.

Duc M. Nguyen

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Duc M. Nguyen', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

May 1, 2005